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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. World Patent No. 00/11658, published March 2, 2000.
2. European Patent Application No. 0 957 472, published November 17, 1999.
3. K. Ozawa, "4 KB/S Improved Multi-Pulse Based Celp Speech Coding with Multiple Location Codebook and Post-Processing", 2000 IEEE Workshop on Speech Coding, Proceedings (Meeting the Challenges of the New Millennium), September 17-20, 2000, pp. 17-19.

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4. European Patent Application No. 1 083 546, published March 14, 2001.

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding European Search Report dated February 26, 2003 citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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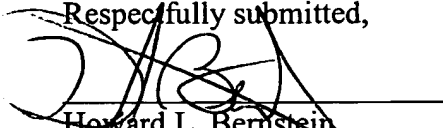


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